

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

May 30, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
PROPOSITION A COMPETITIVE TRAILS GRANT FUNDS
FOR KENNETH HAHN RECREATION AREA TRAILS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT,
RUBEN INGOLD PARKWAY EXERCISE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND
AUTHORIZATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LOS ANGELES
CONSERVATION CORPS AND NORTH EAST TREES PROJECTS
(2nd District – Three-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the above referenced projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Adopt the attached resolution approving the submission of grant applications for the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (KHSRA) Trails Enhancement Project in the amount of \$420,000 and the Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvements Project in the amount of \$500,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 Competitive Trails Grant Program, and instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return signed copies of the resolutions to the Department of Parks and Recreation by May 31, 2006.

3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to, project grant agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the Department of Parks and Recreation Projects.
4. Authorize the Department to submit letters to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) and North East Trees (NET) in support of their applications for grant funds for projects within KHSRA, the Department's commitment to maintaining the improvements once constructed, and authorizing the Director or his designee to negotiate right of entry agreements to permit the construction if the LACC and/or NET are successful in receiving the grant funds.

PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION/JUSTIFICATION

Approval of these actions will allow the Department to complete the application process for the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Trails Enhancement Project and the Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvements Project under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 Competitive Trails Grant Program. The Program provides \$1.5 million in funding for projects within the Second Supervisorial District that provide linkages to regional facilities and/or existing or planned regional trails. Applications are due no later than 5 p.m. on June 1, 2006.

It will also authorize the Department to submit letters of support to two nonprofit organizations proposing projects within Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area and authorize the Director to execute right of entry agreements with the two nonprofits to complete the projects if they are awarded grant funds.

Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Trail Enhancement Project (\$420,000)

The proposed project includes the addition of rest stops, par courses, and pet waste stations along the trails. The par course will consist of eight stations with signage designating an exercise at each station and a recommended number of repetitions. This portion of the project will primarily be located around the interior walking path located at Janice's Green Valley Area. In addition, the project will include the addition of a 2,600 linear foot decomposed granite exercise trail with five fitness stations adjacent to the soccer fields.

The Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvements Project (\$500,000)

The proposed project includes removal and replacement of the asphalt pavement along the existing walking trail; refurbishment of the irrigation system; replacement of damaged security lighting with new lighting; installation of a four-station physical exercise course; removal and replacement of vinyl-coated steel mesh benches; and installation and replacement of park signage.

Letters of Support for Nonprofit Organizations

The program requires qualified nonprofit organizations to partner with public agencies to be eligible for funding. Since LACC and NET are proposing projects at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and this area is currently maintained and operated by the Department, upon your Board's approval, the Department will submit letters of support for the projects proposed by the two agencies, as follows:

LACC - The Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area Trails Improvements (\$500,000)

The proposed project includes a trail junction/access/way-finding at the Bowl Turnaround and the Trail Amenity and Interpretive Zone, simplifying vehicle routes, improving pedestrian trails, adding native plantings and way-finding signage, and creating a comprehensive trail network within KHSRA that will be connected by interpretive sites.

NET- The Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area Eastern Trail Improvements (\$500,000)

The proposed project includes building upon the existing unmarked trail access at La Brea Boulevard and Don Lorenzo Drive, providing improved access and visibility to the eastern portion of KHSRA from the Eastern Gate by installing a concrete paved entry plaza surrounded by native plantings, post and rail fencing, low concrete walls for security, and directional and interpretive signage.

The Baldwin Hills Conservancy's Linkage and Access Planning Study has granted projects to LACC and NET that will be consistent with the goals of the Baldwin Hills Park Master Plan. If either or both of the agencies are successful in receiving a grant through the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1992 and 1996 trail program, the Baldwin Hills Conservancy will provide matching funds for the project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions support County Strategic Plan Goal No. 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal No. 5 (Children and Families Well-Being) by improving the health, economic well-being, safety and survival, emotional and social well-being, and educational/workforce readiness of the children and families of the County; and Goal No. 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for residents by offering a wide range of services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The Kenneth Hahn Trail Enhancement project and the Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvements Project are estimated at \$420,000 and \$500,000 respectively. If the Department is successful in receiving grant funds for the projects being submitted, both projects will be fully funded by the Regional Park and Open Space District.

Operating Budget Impact

If the Department's or the nonprofits' grant applications are successful, the Department will develop estimates for both the one-time start-up costs and the ongoing operating costs upon completion of the project designs, when more detailed information about the improvements would be available.

The Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate operating requirements and available funding. Based upon the current funding timeline and anticipated project schedules, any one-time or ongoing operational costs as a result of these projects would not be incurred until at least Fiscal Year 2007-08.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Regional Park and Open Space District has \$1.5 million in Proposition A excess funding to provide competitive grants for trails acquisition, development, and/or improvements for public access within the Second Supervisorial District. Grant awards are limited to \$500,000 per project and there is no match requirement; however, priority will be given to projects with matching funds.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed projects are categorically exempt from the CEQA according to Sections 15301 (c), 15302 (c), 15303 (e), 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (c) (x-8), 2 (e) 3 (b), 4 (a) (c) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project provides for alteration, reconstruction and placement of appurtenances at existing facilities, as well as grading and new landscaping.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will not have any impact on any other current services or projects. The projects will enhance the County's Healthy Parks program by promoting exercise and fitness.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board to return three conformed copies of this action and the signed original resolutions to Parks and Recreation by May 31, 2006, and one conformed copy to the Chief Administrative Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director

RG:KW

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (22)
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING APPLICATIONS FOR PROPOSITION A
EXCESS FUNDS COMPETITIVE TRAILS GRANT FUNDS FOR
KENNETH HAHN STATE RECREATION AREA TRAILS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
RUBEN INGOLD PARKWAY EXERCISE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND
AUTHORIZATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS AND NORTH EAST TREES PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 3, 1992, and on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (the Propositions), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Propositions also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (the District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing applications for grant funds under the Proposition, and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation to certify, by resolution, the approval of the applications before submission of said applications to the District; and

WHEREAS, said applications contain assurances that the Department of Parks and Recreation must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation will enter into Agreements with the District to provide funds for development projects; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation agrees to submit letters of support to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) and North East Trees (NET) to submit applications for projects within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of projects by the LACC and NET, the Department will assume maintenance of the projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors;

1. Approves the filing of an application with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for Second Supervisorial District Excess Funds for the above projects; and

2. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation understands the assurances and certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department of Parks and Recreation has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the projects in perpetuity; and
4. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.


The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, Executive Office,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

By 
Lillian D. Salinger, Senior Deputy

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Ruben Ingold Parkway Exercise Trail Improvements Project:

The proposed project includes removal and replacement of the asphalt pavement for a four-acre walking trail; refurbishment of the irrigation system; replacement of damaged security lighting with new lighting poles; installation of a four-station physical exercise course; removal and replacement of vinyl-coated steel mesh benches; and installation and replacement of park signage.

Funding Agency

Regional Park & Open
Space District

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition A Competitive Grant
Program

Grant Acceptance Deadline

June 1, 2006

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$500,000

County Match: N/A

Grant Period: 2 years

Begin Date: 9/1/06

End Date: 9/1/08

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes___	No___
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes___	No___
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes <u>x</u>	No___
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes___	No___
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
	Yes___	No___
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes___	No___

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

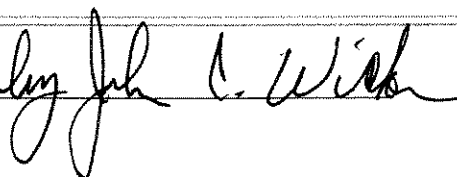
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Other requirements not mentioned above:

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Department Head Signature

Date: 5/18/06



Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Parks and Recreation

Grant Project Title and Description

Kenneth Hahn Recreation Area Trails Enhancement Project:

The proposed project includes adding rest stops, par courses, and pet waste stations along the trails, creating an eight-station par course with regulatory signage designating an exercise and recommended number of repetitions. The project will primarily be located around the interior walking path located at Janice's Green Valley Area. In addition, the project will include a decomposed granite 2,600 linear foot exercise trail with five fitness stations adjacent to the soccer fields.

Funding Agency

Regional Park & Open
Space District

Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)

Proposition A Competitive Grant
Program

Grant Acceptance Deadline

June 1, 2006

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$420,000

County Match: N/A

Grant Period: 2 years

Begin Date: 9/1/06

End Date: 9/1/08

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:

Full Time: N/A

Part Time: N/A

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

Other requirements not mentioned above: Projects must be maintained in perpetuity.

Department Head Signature

Date: 5/18/06

